



# Historical Commission

## T-PCHC MINUTES

The Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission (T-PCHC) met in the Mayor and Council Conference Room, City Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, 255 West Alameda, Tucson, Arizona, at 12:01 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14, 2007.

### 1. Call to Order / Roll Call

#### Members Present:

Teresita Majewski, Chair  
Norma Niblett, Vice Chair  
Sybil Needham  
Gerald Juliani  
Gal Witmer  
Mark Insley  
Sharon Chadwick  
Joe Joaquin

Kathy Nabours  
Demion Clinco  
Bettina Lyons (Arrived at 12:08 p.m.)  
Patsy Waterfall (Arrived at 12:04 p.m.)  
Peter Booth  
Steven Herzog  
Jonathan Mabry

#### Members Absent:

Chauncey Meyer  
Sandee Brooke

Annette Campbell  
Renee RedDog

#### Others Present:

Marty McCune	Historic Preservation Program Manager, City of Tucson Urban Planning and Design
Linda Mayro	Cultural Resources Manager, Pima County Cultural Resources and Historic Preservation Office
Kristi Jenkins	Administrative Assistant, City of Tucson Urban Planning and Design
Debbie Abele	Akros, Inc.
Jim Kauffman	Akros, Inc.
Debra Counsellor	Recording Secretary, City of Tucson City Clerk's Office
Roger Phillips	Staff, City of Tucson City Clerk's Office

### 2. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes of December 13, 2006
- B. Approval of Plans Review Subcommittee Actions from the meetings of:
  1. December 14, 2006
  2. January 11, 2007
  3. January 25, 2007
- C. Approval of Expenditures as Recommended by the Budget Subcommittee at the meeting of February 14, 2007
  1. TPCHC Preservation Awards Subcommittee for \$1,700.00 for the annual Preservation Awards Ceremony

It was moved by Commissioner Niblett, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 15 to 0 (Sandee Brooke, Chauncey Meyer, Annette Campbell, and Renee RedDog absent) to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

**3. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events**

Chair Majewski asked if any of the Commissioners were able to attend the events at Fort Lowell, as this was an event the commission supports.

**4. Appointments to Committees and to T-PCHC Subcommittees**

No appointments were made at this time.

**5. Reports from City and County Staff**

**A. City of Tucson Historic Preservation Program Manager (Marty McCune)**

Marty McCune reported:

1. The final changes had been received on the Feldmans expansion. This would be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in the next few weeks.
2. Morgan Rider would be completing the National Register nomination for the El Hoyo Neighborhood.
3. Janet Parkhurst and Ralph Comey were working to complete the National Register nomination for the Menlo Park Neighborhood.
4. The City had submitted a Heritage Fund grant application for the Jefferson Park and Santa Rosa Neighborhoods National Register Nominations.
5. Brooks Jeffery would be submitting a Certified Local Government pass-through grant for the Rincon Heights Neighborhood.
6. Design was underway for the interpretive and architectural aspects of the Tucson Origins West Side project. There would be a public meeting held on March 29, 2007, at the Manning House.
7. Construction continues on the Presidio. The focus was on the interpretive aspects of the Presidio. May 19, 2007, would be the grand opening for the Presidio, ground breaking on the West Side, and the Avenida Del Convento would be having a ribbon cutting ceremony.
8. The Tucson Downtown Alliance would be holding their Presidio Festival on May 19, 2007.
9. Desert Archaeology would be starting some additional archaeology on the West Side on March 12, 2007. They would be starting on Mission Lane and work around the edges of Mission Garden. There would be open houses associated with the archaeology.
10. The City was interviewing for the Principal Planner position which was vacated by J. T. Fey.
11. Ms. McCune would be attending the National Alliance of Preservation Commission's board meeting in Washington, D.C.

B. Pima County Cultural Resources Manager (Linda Mayro)

Linda Mayro reported:

1. At the Joint Courts Complex, as of February 12, 2007, one hundred six graves had been excavated, twenty-eight of which had been previously exhumed. An additional one hundred twenty grave shafts had been identified and not yet excavated. There was a prediction that about six hundred burials would be found. Twenty-five percent of the area had been stripped to the level where the grave shafts were apparent. The County website, [www.pima.gov/jointcourts](http://www.pima.gov/jointcourts), would be able to give updates on the progress of the project.
2. A final version of the Canoa Ranch Master Plan would be presented to the Advisory Committee on February 20, 2007.
3. The County and other jurisdictions have started to discuss the next cycle of bond projects. The County had identified twenty-five projects that would be presented to the Conservation Acquisition Commission. The Bond Committee would make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors in June or July.
4. Ms. Mayro would be attending the National Alliance of Preservation Commission's board meeting in Washington, D.C. to lobby for Historic Preservation Funds.
5. Ms. Mayro received a letter from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation acknowledging the termination of consultation for the Kitt Peak VERITAS Observatory construction project. The National Science Foundation and the Tohono O'odham Nation could not reach an agreement.
6. The construction at Canoa Ranch and Ajo Curly School was continuing.
7. The Fort Lowell IGA would be approved by the Board of Supervisors. This would allow the City of Tucson and Pima County to work together on a master plan and stabilization of the officers quarters at the Adkins/Steel property.
8. Documents for the San Pedro Chapel were out for bid.

**6. T-PCHC Subcommittee/Other Committee and Task Force Status Reports**

- A. T-PCHC Ordinance Revision Subcommittee (Sharon Chadwick)  
No report was given.
- B. T-PCHC Plans Review Subcommittee (Terry Majewski)  
No report was given.
- C. T-PCHC Rules and Regulations Subcommittee (Santee Brooke)  
No report was given.
- D. T-PCHC Transportation Subcommittee (Sharon Chadwick)

No report was given.

- E. Downtown Links Citizens Advisory Committee (Gerald Juliani)

No report was given.

- F. Downtown Neighborhoods Advisory Committee (Terry Majewski)

No report was given.

- G. Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area Working Group (Jonathan Mabry)

Commissioner Mabry stated they had hired a staff person and opened an office located in the historic YWCA on Fifth Street and University Boulevard. The Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area Working Group had meetings set up with local staff of Arizona Senators and Congressmen to work on the designation bill. Commissioner Mabry also stated they were almost ready to print maps of Heritage Tourism in the Santa Cruz Valley.

- H. Birthday Celebration Subcommittee (Sandee Brooke, Kathy Nabours)

Commissioner Nabours stated a subcommittee meeting would be set up for the future.

- I. Preservation Awards Subcommittee (Patsy waterfall)

Chair Majewski distributed the mailing list to the commissioners for them to add or remove those they thought would be appropriate. These lists would need to be returned to the City Clerk's Office by February 22, 2007.

Commissioner Waterfall stated the locations being considered for this event would be Hotel Congress, the Arizona Historical Society, and Old Town Artisans. The event would be held on Sunday, May 20, 2007.

Chair Majewski stated the letter asking for nominations would be mailed on March 5, 2007, and would need to be returned to the City Clerk's Office by April 3, 2007.

Commissioner Waterfall stated the next subcommittee meeting would be April 23, 2007, for the committee members to review the nominations and select awardees.

**7. Tucson Preservation Foundation Update (Sharon Chadwick)**

Commissioner Chadwick stated she was expecting to add five members to the Foundation board. The steering committee would be meeting in the next week with a full board meeting to follow.

**8. Update on Post-World War II Context Study (Debbie Abele, Akros)**

Debbie Abele, Akros, stated they had been working through the computerized data to define the population they would be studying. They had started out looking at nine

hundred and ninety plus subdivisions and had shorted the list to three hundred ten residential subdivisions that were at least one block in size. Once this list was completed, they went on to research design. This was a report on what Akros thought they would find. It was in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for survey and evaluation. The initial hypothesis was that the homes in Tucson were going to be the same as in other communities in the southwest. This hypothesis was incorrect. The development of the Tucson community was influenced by some local circumstances Akros had not studied in depth. The lending industry and the attitude toward the environment and water were some of the major influences in the development of the community.

Akros was able to study such a huge population because they used Geographic Information Systems (GIS). This way when they came down for field trips they had sorted all the different style categories in advance. The stylistic categories Akros had developed were Simple Builder Ranch, Pueblo Ranch, Territorial Ranch, and Spanish Colonial Ranch. There was another category called Character Ranches. This style was very popular all through the 1950s.

Akros also discovered that Tucson had one of the most distinctive landscape palates in the west. Jim Kaufman, Akros, stated they had come up with five different categories of landscape typologies. They range from the greenest to the brownest. They were called the Eastern Pastoral, the Mediterranean Exotic, Ornamental Desert, Native Desert, and Remnant or "Left Over."

Ms. Abele stated they were writing a report to submit to staff. This would help in refining the various categories. The goal would be to have the report complete by the end of March.

Commissioner Booth asked what was the criteria for the three hundred ten subdivisions.

Ms. Abele stated the homes had to be a subdivision of single-family homes, the property had to be subdivided and built on, and the area had to be minimally one block in size with at least sixteen homes.

**9. Commissioners' Summary of Current Events**

No report was given.

**10. Call to the Audience**

Michael Toney spoke about the Plans Review Subcommittee and Downtown Rio Nuevo.

**11. Future Agenda Items**

Chair Majewski announced that a review of the budget process and the Canoa Ranch Master Plan update would be on the next agenda.

**12. Adjournment 1:03 p.m.**